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**HEAVY SNOWS TO BRING BIG CROPS**  
Soil in Fine Shape as Result of White Blankets.

Washington.—For a number of years the country at large has not enjoyed such general snows as whitened the countryside during February and March of the present year. Also it has been the occasional catastrophe that one great heavy snow has fallen late in the season to be followed by a quick thaw and consequent floods. Now the soil sharpens, seeing that conditions are more nearly ideal this season than for a number of springs, are encouraged to believe that 1914 is destined to be a year of bumper crops.

Dr. J. A. Bonesteel of the bureau of soils is quoted: "Since the snow blanket took its time in departing we will have a better crop start this year than for several years. To date conditions could be hardly more ideal. We had snow after snow—not too heavy, but persistent enough to keep the ground covered well and the tender shoots of the wheat in perfect condition. "This is particularly true of the eastern states generally, but at the same time conditions are far better in the middle west than is the general average. "In the corn belt, where there was a considerable depletion of the crop through too persistent drought last season, the snow will prove of incalculable benefit. The corn belt ought to have a splendid start. "Where snow remained a long time and there has been extensive opportunity for it to seep down into the earth, carrying its moisture from one to two feet, the soil is prepared to develop sturdy roots for the cereal crops. The plants therefore stand a better chance against possible deficiencies in the matter of rainfall during the period of their growth."

**Turkish Smoking Pipes.**  
The "hookah" is a large tobacco pipe much used in Turkey, Persia and other eastern countries. It consists of two bowls, one placed over the other. The upper bowl contains the tobacco and is connected by a tube with the lower, which is partially filled with water. The connecting tube passes down into the water. The stem, which is usually a long flexible tube, is connected with the air space above the water, and thus the smoke must pass through the water before reaching the smoker. In passing through it is cooled and deprived of most of its harmful constituents.

**DESERVED THE LEGACY.**  
The Gift Left by the Old Turk Was Properly Bestowed.

A Turkish story runs that, dying, a pious man bequeathed a fortune to his son, charging him to give \$100 to the meanest man he could find and \$100 to the most foolish.

The most foolish man is another story. As to the meanest, accounts agreed that a certain cad filled the bill. Accordingly the dutiful son offered him \$100.

"But I can't take your \$100," said the cad. "I never knew your father. There was no reason why he should leave me the money."

"It's yours all right," persisted the mourning youth.

"I might take it in a fictitious transaction," said the cad, relenting. "Suppose—I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll sell you all that snow in the courtyard for \$100.

The young man agreed, willing to be quit of his trust on any terms. Next day he was arrested, taken before the cad and ordered to remove his snow at once. As this was a command the young man was utterly unable to execute, he was fined \$20 by the cad for contumacy.

"At least," the young man said ruefully as he left the court, "father's \$100 went to the right man."—New York World.

**M. W. A. HOLD COUNTY CONVENTION IN V. C.**

Little Miss Florence Raymond, who has been spending the weeks vacation with her parents on the farm, has returned to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Raymond, to take up her studies in the model school at the Normal.

Next Meeting Will Be Held At Sanborn. All Camps In the County Represented.

**684 MEMBERS IN COUNTY**

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1914.  
The various Modern Woodman lodges were represented here Wednesday in a county convention. The meeting was called to order in the K. P. hall at 2 p. m. Several matters of business was taken up and C. E. Lockwood was chosen delegate to Bismarck state convention which will be held May 6. M. J. Englert was chosen alternate. There are 684 members of the order in the county and the general feeling is that the insurance is very good. Sanborn was selected as the next meeting place for the county convention.

Professor Wise and Billy Wise have something in this paper every week. Have you seen it? It is good and you can't afford to miss this. Watch for them. 4-9-tu\*

Among the visitors who spent Sunday in the city at the Rudolf were: Miss Clara Hager of Tower City, W. G. Bugbee of Oakes, Mrs. C. Wortman of Leal, I. Timevold of Grand Forks, J. E. Salzer of Jamestown, W. N. Hartman of Page, and G. L. Gilbert and Chas. Pettibone of Fargo.

**MEETING OF THE WOMEN OF ECKELSON**

Last Friday Mrs. W. T. Craswell, Miss Nellie Farnsworth and Miss Carolyn Wood, of the Normal School and Superintendent Minnie J. Nielson went to Eckelson, where they held a meeting at the school house for the ladies of the town and community. Mrs. Craswell sang a number of beautiful songs, Miss Farnsworth gave an address on "conservation in the Home" and Miss Wood and Miss Nielson also gave talks. The meeting was very well attended and an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

**PRESIDENT M'FARLAND IS AT BISMARCK**

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1914.  
President George A. McFarland of the State Normal school here, left on Wednesday evening for Bismarck where he has been called to address the meeting of the Missouri Slope Educational association. While in Bismarck, President McFarland will attend a meeting of the alumni of the State Normal school to begin plans for a great graduate reunion during the meeting of the state educational meeting there next fall.

The old reliable Northwestern feed and sales barn is now under new management. Horses boarded by the day, week or month and good care given every animal left in my care. Have some good sound young horses for sale, call and see them, they will be priced right. Farmers when you are in town put your horses in my barn, you will always find the hay chutes full of good hay and you will also find me there to help put up your team. Special attention given the ladies at this barn. Positively no booze fighters allowed to loaf in this barn. 3-31-2 tw\* S.P. SOUTHWICK, Prop.

**Wall Paper Sale**

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Bring your Potatoes, Eggs and Butter to the Farmers' Mercantile Company's store and get the top prices.  
FOR SALE—Brood sows. Will farrow beginning of April. M. Naughton, Rogers, N. D. Phone 605W. 3-11-3tw\*

The supervising architect at Washington, D. C., is again advertising for bids for the construction of the new government postoffice building for this city, the bids to be opened May 5th.

Henry Uloth, one of the well-known to do farmers of Getchell Prairie township returned home Saturday evening from Fargo, where he had been visiting for several days. He likes Fargo very well, but Valley City is more to his liking. Air or other conditions seems to effect visitors to the Gate City, as he said he met several of the Barnes County Politicians on Broadway, but they failed to recognize him. Now in Valley City he says the same Politician can even see him around the corner and are there with the glad hand and how are you Henry.

The upholstered seats which were delayed, have finally arrived and are in place at the Grand. There are sixty-six of them arranged along the outside of the building. They are very comfortable and will be sold at a slightly advanced price over those in the body of the house. Manager Waldron is leaving nothing undone to add to the comforts of his patrons and as a result is receiving a very liberal patronage.

Miss Ava Caswell of Grafton, is spending a few days in the city, visiting with friends.

**STARVING, HE HAD \$10,050.**

Aged Man Accepts Charity and Loses His Wallet.  
New York.—James A. Farvin, assistant station master at the Pennsylvania station, has lost his faith in human nature. He helped a supposedly starving man and then found him possessed of thousands of dollars.  
The man was evidently exhausted and about to collapse.  
"I've not had a bite to eat in two days," he murmured.  
Having helped the old man to a seat, Mr. Farvin rushed a porter away for hot coffee and sandwiches. The old man ate ravenously and wept as he told his story.  
The old man said his name was Uriah Lane and on foot he had dragged himself all the way from up state in an effort to reach his son, whom he had not seen since they parted at Sag Harbor after a quarrel twenty years ago.  
The 4:15 train for Sag Harbor was nearly due. Deeply affected, Mr. Farvin tried to cheer the old man up, paid his fare, \$3.04, to Sag Harbor and gave him the change from a five dollar bill.  
Just afterward Mr. Farvin caught sight of a wallet lying under the chair on which the aged man had sat. Opening it, he found the name Uriah Lane on the flap. Inside were eight \$1,000 bills, crisp and clean; twenty \$100 and ten \$5 bills—\$10,050 in all.  
When Mr. Farvin overtook the old man he demanded to be repaid for the sum already advanced. After much argument the old man did so.

**BE A SPINSTER AND LIVE LONG, HE SAYS**

**Life Insurance Man Gives Statistics on Death Rate.**

New York.—The spinster lives longer than the married woman.  
The business woman lives longer than the business man.  
The woman who takes out an endowment insurance policy lives longer than the woman who takes out a straight life policy.  
These facts—and Arthur Hunter, actuary of a leading company, said they were facts—were gathered last year by experts in the employ of the forty-three leading companies in this country.  
Mr. Hunter didn't explain why the unmarried woman survives the matron nor why the business woman outlives the business man, but he revealed why the woman who takes unto herself an endowment policy lasts longer than the woman who has to die to win.  
"The endowment woman just gets up her spirit and determines to live until the policy matures," he said. "The other woman sighs, 'Oh, what's the use?' and shuffles off."  
Mr. Hunter said there were more fatal accidents in this country than elsewhere because of the American "I'll take a chance" spirit. The American, he said, takes all sorts of risks to save time and inconvenience. The foreigner doesn't do that at home, but when he comes here he becomes infected.  
"The mortality rate among engineers and firemen is eight times that of men in other callings," he said, "and among policemen about 40 per cent higher. With policemen it is on the increase."  
Mr. Hunter said that the business woman kept herself going by a determination to fight it out. She had something tangible, something to live for, whereas the business man takes his work as a matter of course and is apathetic.

**"JAG" CURE COSTS \$10,000.**

Minnesota Experimental Farm Saves Thirty-nine Patients in a Year.  
St. Paul.—Minnesota's "jag farm" at Wilmar has succeeded in its mission, but it has been an expensive enterprise, according to the report.  
The cost of running the farm for a year was \$385,823. Eighty-eight men were admitted for treatment. Thirty-nine were said to have been cured. Thirteen have relapsed. Eleven are missing and thirteen are back for more treatment at \$10,000 per cure.

**Fate of Marshal Ney.**

It has been maintained by many that the famous Marshal Ney, whom Napoleon called the "bravest of the brave," was not executed, as history makes him out to have been, but succeeded, by the help of friends, in making his escape to America, where he lived to an advanced age, dying in peace in his own bed. The theory as advocated by many is that Ney went to North Carolina, became a school teacher and made many friends, to the more intimate of whom he confided his secret. But there is not much to the story except its novelty.

**TIRE REPAIR FIRM OPENS AND READY FOR BUSINESS**

The Valley City Tire and Repair Co., are now very comfortable situated in the building 301 Front St., prepared to take care of anything in the way of tire repairing. Mr. B. H. Sullivan and B. R. Pusch are both men of experience in the tire repair business and in the new quarters will be in position to take care of the business entrusted to them in a workman like manner.

Walter Stenshoel left this week for his claim in the northwestern part of the state where he will be for some time.

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